



A safe home is in your hands.



Use the following checklist as a guide to help make your home more secure.

Learn more about actions you can take to keep your family safe in and around your home in Home Safety Council's Safety Guide including:

- Fire Safety & Home Security
- Install a Motion Detector
- Install Locks & Deadbolts



Home Security Checklist

- ___ Are all entrances to your home equipped with proper lighting?
- ___ Do you keep all entry doors in your home locked?
- ___ Have you removed any two-keyed deadbolt locks that could hinder your escape in the event of a fire?
- ___ Do doors feature wide-angle peepholes?
- ___ Are glass panels in or near your door reinforced so they cannot be shattered?
- ___ Do all entryways to your home have a working, keyed entry lock and deadbolt lock?
- ___ Do you have locks for the garage doors?
- ___ Do you make sure the garage doors are kept locked when not in use?
- ___ Are any sliding glass doors equipped with strong, working locks?
- ___ Do you check to make sure any sliding door is locked every night and when leaving the house?
- ___ Does every window in the house have a working lock?
- ___ If your home has window security bars, are they equipped with a quick release mechanism to allow for a quick escape in the event of a fire?
- ___ Do you trim bushes and shrubs near windows regularly?
- ___ Is every dark area around your house, garage and yard lighted?
- ___ Are light bulbs for outdoor areas in good working order?
- ___ Does your community have a Neighborhood Watch group to address crime in your area?



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Home Security Checklist, continued

Security When Away From Home

- ___ If you have light timers are they set to turn lights on and off in a logical sequence to mimic at-home behavior?
- ___ If you have a motion detector or other alarm system do you activate them before leaving?
- ___ Have you inspected all doors and entrances to be sure the locks are in good working order?
- ___ If you are leaving for several days or longer, have you stopped mail service and newspapers and asked a neighbor or friend to watch your home?
- ___ Are all door and window locks in good working order?
- ___ Do you have light timers for interior lights?
- ___ Are all outside lights in good working order?
- ___ Do all windows have a window blind or curtains, including a garage window?
- ___ Is all yard work complete before leaving for a vacation, and all tools put away?
- ___ Are all tree limbs trimmed back from windows?
- ___ Does a friend or family member have a spare house key and your contact information?
- ___ Are all valuables, including jewelry and important papers, in a secure location or fire-proof home safe?